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1. PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS JUNE 13 BY NOW
ECUADORIAN AMBASSADOR IN BULGARIA IS LATEST MANIFESTATION OF GOB POLICY TO IMPROVE TIES WITH LATIN AMERICA. IN RECENT WEEKS BRAZIL, MEXICO, AND NOW ECUADOR HAVE ESTABLISHED OR RAISED RELATIONS TO NEW LEVEL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT COLUMBIA WILL FOLLOW SUIT SHORTLY AND THAT ARGENTINA WILL OPEN EMBASSY IN SOFIA.

2. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS FLURRY OF ACTIVITY IS RESULT OF GOB INITIATIVE AND IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO PLANNED VISIT TO LATIN AMERICAN BY FONMIN MLADENOV SOME-TIME THIS SUMMER. GOB POLICY SERVES INTERESTS OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN EXPANDING CONTACTS WITH LATIN AMERICA, AS WELL AS ITS OWN IMAGE OF BECOMING MORE ACTIVE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

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